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**GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.  
AND THE AERO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

**Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated (adopted)  
Interconnection Agreement  
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252**

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**VERIFIED JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALLATIN RIVER  
COMMUNICATIONS L. L. C. AND THE AERO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. ("Gallatin") and The Aero Communications, LLC ("Aero") hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and Aero ("the parties"), pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e), (the "Act"). The parties, in support of their request, state as follows:

1. Petitioners Gallatin and Aero are each a telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq., and each is authorized to provide telecommunications service to customers in Illinois.

2. The Agreement was arrived at through good faith negotiations between the parties as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act and provides for the interconnection of their networks for the transmission and termination of local traffic on each other's networks. Aero has chosen to adopt the existing interconnection agreement of NTS with Gallatin.

3. Section 252(e)(2) of the Act provides the basis for rejection of a negotiated Agreement: (1) the Agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of a negotiated Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.

4. As set forth in the attached Verified Statement of Steve Murray, Gallatin will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

5. In addition, the Verified Statement of Steve Murray demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of Aero to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

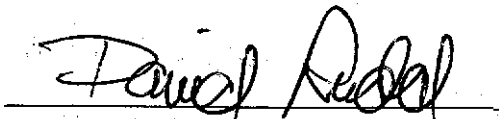
6. In accordance with Section 252(e)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

7. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in Gallatin's public offices.
8. Gallatin agrees to accept electronic service of documents associated with this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Gallatin and Aero respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and Aero under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2007.

GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C.



~~THE~~ AERO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC



STATE OF Kentucky )  
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COUNTY OF McCracken ) ss.

Todd Heinrich, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is CEO for The Aero Communications, LLC and that he is authorized by The Aero Communications, LLC to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated Interconnection Agreement, between Gallatin and Aero and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Todd Heinrich

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Kentucky this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

Michelle Boock  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

May 8, 2010

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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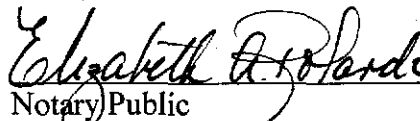
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David O. Rudd, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is an attorney for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. and that he is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated (adopted) Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and The Aero Communications, LLC and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

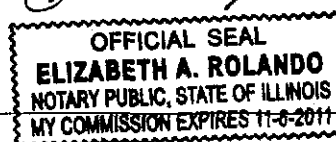


David O. Rudd, Esq.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:



**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL**

I, Steve Murray, in my capacity as Director of Regulatory Affairs for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. ("Gallatin") hereby, submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of a Negotiated (adopted) Interconnection Agreement between Gallatin and The Aero Communications, LLC. ("Aero").

The attached Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement"), including provisions for collocation and related telecommunications services under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as "the Act"), between Gallatin and Aero was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Aero elected to adopt an existing effective interconnection agreement between Gallatin and NTS Services Corp. Accordingly, Gallatin and Aero request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a) (1) and 252(e) of the Act.

In accordance with Sections 251 and 252 of the Act, the parties engaged in good faith negotiations and an agreement was reached in August of 2007. The Agreement becomes effective the next business day following the day the Illinois Commerce Commission approves the Agreement.

The Agreement contains provisions for default and prohibits discontinuance of service without the required notice. It also includes dispute resolution provisions. It allows Aero to interconnect at any one or more technically feasible points.

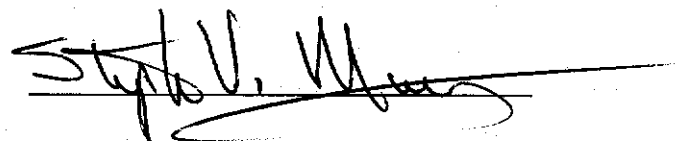
Also, the Agreement contains alternative dispute resolution provisions, which require negotiation and arbitration. The parties are required to continue providing services to each other during the pendency of any dispute resolution proceeding. The Agreement is binding on successors and permitted assigns of the parties.

Gallatin will make the Agreement available (pursuant to 252 (I) of the Act) to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

Implementation of this Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote competition and enhance the ability of Aero to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a competitive alternative for telecommunications services.

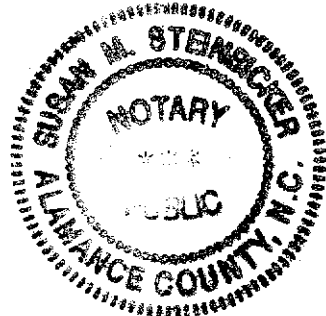
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF ALTAIR ) ss.

Steve Murray, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is Director of regulatory Affairs for Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. and is duly is authorized by Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Steve Murray  
Gallatin River Communications  
103 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mebane, NC 27302  
(919) 563-8109

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of NORTH CAROLINA this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2007.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

11-24-2009